

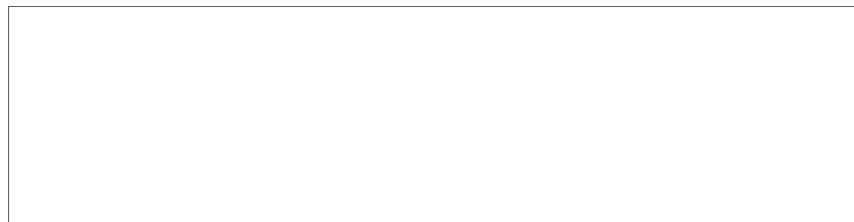
Directorate of Intelligence
Office of African and Latin American Analysis

23 May 1983

NOTE FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

Bob:

Attached for your signature is our response to Chip Andreae's letter requesting comment on our NID item on Kenya. I tried to make the response positive inasmuch as you had asked Andreae for this sort of dialogue and the fact that he is a friend of the Agency.



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Director

Attachment:
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Mr. Charles N. Andreae
Staff Member, Select Committee
on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chip:

Thanks for forwarding to me Dan Finn's comments on our recent brief NID item on Kenyan political developments. We certainly share his characterization of current feelings among the Kikuyu as "simmering resentment." Indeed, President Moi--the compromise, minority-tribe candidate who succeeded Jomo Kenyatta, not Julius Nyerere, in 1978--has intensified these feelings by taking steps to reduce traditional Kikuyu political and economic dominance. We believe Moi's actions challenge Kenya's ethnic structure and pose serious problems for the country's stability.

We do not believe, however, that the political fate of Charles Njonjo, Kenya's Constitutional Affairs Minister, will ignite serious Kikuyu opposition to the Moi regime. According to the US Embassy, Njonjo is a highly unpopular figure among his fellow Kikuyu and other Kenyans and has a well deserved reputation for ruthlessness and ambition. Many Kikuyu, for example, believe he arranged the murder of J.M. Kariuki, a popular Kikuyu spokesman for the have-nots. Although we have no substantiation for this allegation, the fact is that it is widely believed.

Njonjo also labors under the label of "the Black Englishman," an epithet accorded him because of his strong ties to Britain and his English wife--all factors well-known to the Kenyan public. In addition, Njonjo's political image suffers from his too close identification with Kenya's small but economically powerful Asian community. In our view, this combination of factors makes Njonjo an unlikely rallying point for the factionalized Kikuyu.

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Sincerely,



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Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence



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Frank:

Bob would like you to address this request from Mr. Andreae and prepare a response for his signature. A deadline of 24 May has been assigned this action.

Thanks,

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May 18, 1983

Mr. Robert Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I am forwarding for DDI comment the remarks of Dan Finn concerning a recent NID item about Kenya. I would appreciate your response to his thoughts, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Chip

Charles N. Andreae

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